A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER IPC 7 G11B7/007 G11B7/14

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G11B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal

C. DOCUM	INTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.	
Х	WO 01/86350 A (KALIFI, BEN; MAURICE, OREN, J) 15 November 2001 (2001-11-15) figure 5		
X	US 2003/043344 A1 (GOODHILL DEAN K ET AL) 6 March 2003 (2003-03-06) paragraph '0036! - paragraph '0043!; figure 3	1-8	
Α	WIM M. J. COENE: "Nonlinear signal-processing model for scalar diffraction in optical recording" APPLIED OPTICS, vol. 42, no. 32, 10 November 2003 (2003-11-10), pages 6525-6535, XP002322900 page 6529 - page 6530; figure 5	1-8	

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.	χ Patent family members are listed in annex.
Special categories of cited documents: A' document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance E' earlier document but published on or after the international filling date L' document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified) O' document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means P' document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed	 "T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but died to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art. "&" document member of the same patent family
Date of the actual completion of the International search 31 March 2005	Date of mailing of the International search report 26/04/2005
Name and mailing address of the ISA European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2 NL – 2280 HV Rijswijk Tel. (+31–70) 340–2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl, Fax: (+31–70) 340–3016	Authorized officer Damp, S

.... DIVALIDIVAL DEADUR REFUR

mational Application No T/IB2004/003915

		1/162004/003915				
C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT						
Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.				
A	A.H.J. IMMINK, W.M.J. COENE, ET. AL.: "Signal Processing and Coding for Two-Dimensional Optical Storage" IEEE GLOBECOM 2003, 1 November 2003 (2003-11-01), pages 3904-3908, XP002322901 page 3904; figure 1	1-8				
A	US 5 657 308 A (MAEDA ET AL) 12 August 1997 (1997-08-12) figures 6,10	1-8				
Α	US 5 508 990 A (NAGASAKI ET AL) 16 April 1996 (1996-04-16) figures 4,15	1-8				
А	US 2001/033543 A1 (AKIYAMA TETSUYA ET AL) 25 October 2001 (2001-10-25) figures 2,11,12	1-8				
Α	US 2002/176335 A1 (MIYANABE SHOGO ET AL) 28 November 2002 (2002-11-28) figure 2	1-8				
Α	US 4 980 882 A (BAER ET AL) 25 December 1990 (1990-12-25) column 6 - column 8; figures 2,4,5	1-8				
P,A	WO 2004/032334 A (KONINKLIJKE PHILIPS ELECTRONICS N.V; COENE, WILLEM, M., J., M; IMMINK,) 15 April 2004 (2004-04-15) the whole document	1-8				

HILL EURAL IONAL SEAUCH DEFUNI

Information on patent family members

rnational Application No T/IB2004/003915

Patent document cited in search report			Publication date	Patent family member(s)		Publication date
WO	0186350	Α	15-11-2001	AU WO	5663001 A 0186350 A1	20-11-2001 15-11-2001
US	2003043344	A1	06-03-2003	US US US US	2002021412 A1 5745213 A 2004066491 A1 2005024589 A1	21-02-2002 28-04-1998 08-04-2004 03-02-2005
US	5 5657308	Α	12-08-1997	US JP JP US US US	5491678 A 3149455 B2 4228112 A 5774444 A 5835469 A 5886969 A 9526548 A1	13-02-1996 26-03-2001 18-08-1992 30-06-1998 10-11-1998 23-03-1999 05-10-1995
US	5 5508990	Α	16-04-1996	JP JP US DE	2923331 B2 4044642 A 5386410 A 4119384 A1	26-07-1999 14-02-1992 31-01-1995 19-12-1991
US	5 2001033543	A1	25-10-2001	JP US	2002117550 A 2004090897 A1	19-04-2002 13-05-2004
US	2002176335	A1	28-11-2002	JP	2002352438 A	06-12-2002
US	4980882	Α	25-12-1990	NON	E	
W	2004032334	Α	15-04-2004	WO WO	2003263473 A1 2004032334 A1	23-04-2004 15-04-2004

BEST AVAILABLE COPY